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REV. B. C. PRESTON

Rev. Bryant C. Preston, for many years a member of the Northern California Congregational Conference, passed away at his residence in Palo Alto on March 11th. Mr. Preston was born in 1863 in Centralia, Kansas. He was educated at the University of Kansas, Cornell, and Chicago Seminary. During the 35 years of his active ministry he was pastor of churches in Iowa, Washington, Oregon and California. While in charge of the church at Palo Alto he went into war service with the Y. M. C. A. and was decorated by both England and the United States for the rescue of an aviator from a burning plane. He also served with the Red Cross in Italy. In college days he was an athlete, in later years a journalist and press correspondent at the national conventions of political parties. He was a man of boundless energy and enthusiasm and deeply interested in every good cause. The funeral, which was held at the Palo Alto church, was conducted by Rev. W. B. Thorp, assisted by Rev. R. B. Cherington and Rev. D. Charles Gardner.

COMING EVENTS

April 19-20, Tuesday and Wednesday. Sacramento Valley Association, at Oroville.

April 21, Thursday. Federation of Congregational Women. Spring meeting. Campbell.

April 26, Tuesday. Bay Association. First Congregational Church, Alameda.

April 27, Wednesday. Santa Clara Association. San Mateo.

April 28, Thursday. Sonoma Association. Sonoma.

April 29, Friday. Upper Bay Association. Martinez.

May 3-4, Tuesday and Wednesday. Central Association. Salida.

May 5, Thursday. Pacific School of Religion Graduation.

May 6, Friday. San Joaquin Association. Pilgrim Church, Fresno.

May 9-10-11, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Southern California Congregational Conference. Whittier.

July 5-14. Missionary Education Movement Conference. Asilomar.

July 30-August 6. Young People's Conference of Congregational Churches of Northern California. Asilomar.

October 4-5-6. Pacific Slope Congress. First Church, San Diego.

October 25-26-27. Northern California Congregational Conference, First Church, Berkeley.

Under license the "Keeley Cure" for drunkenness published a list of 123 branch cures. Under prohibition only 14 remain, and the parent "Cure" at Dwight, which formerly occupied a fine hospital with 48,000 square feet of floor space, now occupies a bungalow with 3,000 square feet.—American Issue, National Edition, November 23, 1929.

KIDNAPPING

A missionary story that grips the interest and attention like a drama! One can scarcely believe that the day by day service of a Scotchwoman in a home for Chinese girls in San Francisco could be filled with so much adventure. But Carol Green Wilson has taken 35 years of the life of Donaldina Cameron and portrayed it in a way that makes all Christian people proud of missionary work.

Miss Cameron, who was known as mother to her girls, and "devil-woman" to the high-binders whose slave traffic she broke up, in a third of a century has rescued scores of little Chinese slave girls kept for immoral purposes under conditions of unspeakable filth and degradation. Her method was that of kidnapping and then securing a decree of court giving the victims into her care. Through trap doors, skylights, dark passageways, hidden chambers, foul alleys, on trains, pullman cars and autos, the reader follows her on her exciting missions of mercy.

Congregationalists will be interested in the thrilling account of a kidnapping of a Chinese girl in Reno, and the wild ride over icy roads which was taken with the pastor of our church, Rev. William Moll Case, at the wheel, to get the party across the state line in California. Incidentally, the author is a granddaughter of Rev. Henry T. Staats, who was for many years a Congregational pastor, and prior to his death served a church in Pasadena.

The book is published by Stanford University Press and sells for $3.00. "Chinatown Quest," by Carol Green Wilson.

NEW SLIDES

A new set of slides has been allocated to us for a while. This is the new set put out by the American Missionary Association and covers work they are doing for members of the Negro race here in America. The name of the new set is WE ARE RISING. This set, as well as others we have on our shelves, will be sent to the churches in the order of their application.

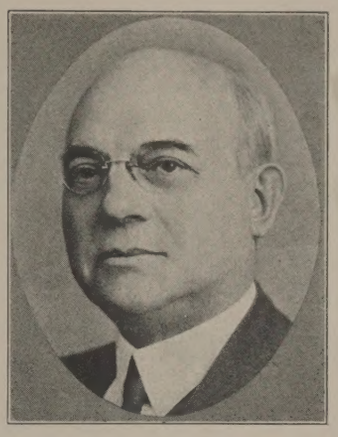
For the benefit of those who may not know what we now have in stock, the complete list is given here:

Home Boards:
Climbing Jacob's Ladder.
We Are Rising.
Out Among the Red Men.
Foreign Board:
Thrilling Tale of the Philippines.
Up the Min to Shaowu.
Beautiful Foochow.
Black Man in White Man's Africa.
Farm Field and Factory in Japan.
Under Ceylon's Palms.
General: Stewardship.

NOTICE

The Interdenominational School for Rural Pastors, which was scheduled for May 9 to 18, and the Findings Conference of the Northern California Interchurch Survey, to be held May 19 and 20, have both been postponed, the former indefinitely and the latter until December.

Dr. G. L. CADY



Our guest speaker for the spring meetings of the Associations and the Women's Federation will be Rev. George Luther Cady, D. D., of New York. Dr. Cady is executive secretary of the American Missionary Association. He has not been in Northern California on a speaking tour in many years, and the program committees of our various Associations have been eager to use him. Dr. Cady was born in Michigan, and is a graduate of Olivet College and Chicago Theological Seminary. After pastorates in Michigan, Illinois, Iowa and Massachusetts, he was called to his present position, where he has served more than fifteen years. He is regarded as one of the most interesting speakers among our denominational leaders.

In addition to his Association dates, Dr. Cady will speak at Petaluma, Palo Alto, Lodi, Sacramento, Tulare, Porterville and Oakland First and Oakland Plymouth.

PRAYER

Congregationalists throughout the country have been greatly helped by the daily comments which Dwight Bradley provided in the Fellowship of Prayer. Now it is possible to discover just what this original and brilliant preacher thinks of prayer himself. The Pilgrim Press has just issued a booklet containing an address by Bradley on Prayer, which he delivered to the Boston ministers. It is a model of clarity of thought and simplicity of language, and is deeply devotional in character. Copies may be ordered from the Pacific Book Service at 15c each.

ROYOLA AT WORK

Rev. Pedro F. Royola, who returned to the Philippine Islands last autumn, was on the faculty of the Young People's Conference at Laguna, P. I. The theme of the conference was "Youth for Christ," and the daily schedule was much like our own Young People's Conference at Asilomar. Mr. Royola conducted a class on "How the Master Lived." The conference was held on the grounds of Los Banos College.

PROGRESS IN 1932

Below appears the record of the giving of the churches for the month of March, and for the year including March. These figures represent the amounts remitted on apportionment to our state treasury, and do not include special designations, Loyalty or Thank Offering, or money sent to the Eastern boards. This accounts for certain disparities as between these figures and those of a month ago.

	March Receipts	Jan. 11 to March 31
Adin	$ 22.93	$ 22.93
Angels Camp	25.00	25.00
Benicia	25.50	25.50
Berkeley, First	645.00	1,290.00
Berkeley, North	100.56	212.92
Ceres	80.00	80.00
Cloverdale	8.89	46.13
Cotati	24.77	48.42
Crockett	12.50	25.00
Fairfax		30.00
Ferndale	2.00	2.00
Grass Valley	3.31	10.38
Guerneville		10.00
Lodi	170.00	170.00
Loomis	10.00	10.00
Oakland, First		588.00
Oakland, Plymouth	150.00	300.00
Oroville	30.00	30.00
Pacific Grove	65.25	104.75
Palo Alto	100.00	325.00
Paradise	10.00	25.00
Petaluma	50.00	100.00
Pittsburg	17.24	17.24
Redwood City	100.00	136.85
Ripon	10.00	10.00
Sacramento		35.00
Salida	20.00	26.00
San Francisco, Richmond		1.00
San Jose	90.00	210.00
San Leandro, Broadmoor		22.71
Santa Cruz	200.00	200.00
Santa Rosa	43.22	66.96
Sebastopol		15.00
Stockton	333.00	433.33
Sunnyvale		7.00
Tulare		15.75
Weaverville	13.75	13.75
	$2,363.01	$4,691.62

ALASKA TOUR ANNOUNCED BY CALIFORNIA C. E. UNION

The California Christian Endeavor Union is inviting Christian Endeavorers and friends of Christian Endeavor to join them this summer in their All-Expense Tour to the Pacific Northwest and Alaska.

Leaving San Francisco by special train July 7, side trips will be made enroute to the principal play grounds of the Northwest, boarding the steamer at Seattle, the entire trip will be made through the inland passage to Skagway, Alaska, then on to the interior to beautiful Lake Bennett, returning to San Francisco on the morning of July 22.

Many prominent Church and Endeavor leaders in California have already registered for this trip. Party is under supervision of Southern Pacific and Canadian National Steamship Companies and personally conducted by Howard L. Brown, State General Secretary of Christian Endeavor.

☞Please take note and record the fact that on and after April 25, 1932, the office of The Pacific and of the Conference will be Room 1164 Phelan Building, instead of Room 421. Phone the same: KEarny 2757.

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NEWS AND YET MORE NEWS

SAN CARLOS — The goal of 100 attendance at Sunday School was reached on the 13th of March. Ten teachers are serving and more are needed. Three children were baptized and three new members were added to the church on Easter. Rev. R. B. Cherington the minister, says that already an addition to the church is needed for the Sunday School.

ALTURAS — Local fraternal orders attended the Easter service. There was a capacity audience and twenty children, like Zacchaeus, climbed into a tree (two trees in fact) to see what was going on inside the church. Rev. James E. Enman, the supply pastor, has visited every family in any way connected with the church.

SAN FRANCISCO. OCEAN VIEW— Eighty persons crowded the little church on Easter morning. The attendance throughout the Lenten period has increased. The Junior C. E. Society lost the banner for attendance which they had held by only one person. Rev. James Salmon is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO. FIRST — Holy Week services at 12:30 each day and a three-hour service on Good Friday were provided by this church. The speakers were: Rev. Kerrison Juniper, the pastor, Superintendent Harley H. Gill, Bishop E. L. Parsons, Rev. Newton E. Moats and Rev. J. C. Reid.

SAN LEANDRO. BROADMOOR — Seven new members came into the church during March. The Men's Club sponsored and helped in organizing a community group for civic welfare. Rev. J. H. McCartney delivered the sermon for the local chapter of the Daughters of Job, and the order of DeMolay.

SAN RAFAEL — Rev. W. D. Gillespie, who has been serving this church for nearly two years, has accepted a call to the United Presbyterian Church of Eagle Rock, California. Twelve new members were received on Palm Sunday. The Sunday School has been growing and a Senior Christian Endeavor Society organized.

WEAVERVILLE — Thirteen new members were received into the church on Easter Sunday. Bad roads have prevented much service to the outlying points. The attendance at all services during the pre-Easter season was most encouraging. Rev. Robert J. Allen is the pastor.

OAKLAND. PILGRIM — Eleven persons were received into this church and 4 infants baptized. More would unite but do not feel able to take their part in the life of the church under the present financial condition. Rev. C. H. Cleaves, the pastor, is to be with the church until July.

SALIDA — Easter Sunday was the birthday of the pastor, Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, and the sixth anniversary of her first sermon in Salida. The church was filled at both services. Two excellent programs were given by the Sunday School and Junior and Senior Choirs. A special offering was received, half of which was given to benevolences. The pastor was given an old-fashioned "pound party" earlier in the week. This church is looking forward to the meeting of the Central Association.

FRESNO. ZION — Rev. F. C. Zahl, who so successfully brought the church to the erection of a noble building, has been forced to resign on account of ill health. He will lay down his duties in June, and, under doctor's orders, will take a complete rest from the ministry for at least a year. Mr. Zahl has done a magnificent work in Fresno, and he will be missed among our German speaking brethren. The church has called Rev. John N. Sauer of Brush, Colorado, who has not as yet made his decision.

SAN FRANCISCO. PARK PRESIDIO — This church, which is a federation of Asbury Methodist and Richmond Congregational churches, has put on a very active pre-Easter program, resulting in 62 new members, six of whom joined the Congregational group. Rev. William J. Owen is the pastor, and Mr. W. A. Finch, a layman, has been elected by the Congregationalists to represent them as assistant pastor.

ANTIOCH — After many years of struggle, even with the help of the missionary society, this church has come to self-support. The members realize that it will not be an easy matter, but are determined that "the Conference shall not borrow money to help them longer." The church building was full on Easter Sunday, and new members are being received on April 10th. Rev. Henry Stauffer is the happy and effective pastor.

SACRAMENTO — Superintendent Harley H. Gill visited his former church and preached on the first Sunday of March. A large congregation greeted him. On Easter morning the church was filled and in the evening the choir gave a cantata "Our Lord Victorious." Rev. Lawrence Wilson, the pastor, recently preached on the challenging theme "The Collapse of Legal Morality."

BIG VALLEY PARISH — Rev. Westwood Wallace presided at the Sunrise Service at Adin on Easter morning, then went to Nubieber, where there was a splendid service with an attendance of 50. The Sunday School at Adin presented a program in the morning, and in the evening the choir gave a cantata.

GUERNEVILLE — The pastor, Rev. James W. Price, has been elected a director of the Chamber of Commerce. Attendance this Easter revealed much greater interest than a year ago. Seven new members came into the fellowship of the church, and five persons were baptized.

MODOC INDIAN — Sunday services at Likely are held in a room which was built for the purpose of housing liquor and dancing parties during the week, but was offered to Miss Mary Coxhead for her use on Sunday.

SUISUN — Rev. Alfred Pollard, the pastor, spoke at the Good Friday services at the Community Church at Easter time.

SANTA CRUZ — Eastertide celebration started with a Palm Sunday morning service with an attendance of 250. In the evening 800 were present at the picture service. On Holy Thursday 400 people gathered for the Candle Light communion service, when 60 new members were received into the church. The church now numbers six ministers in its membership. More than 600 attended the Easter Sunday morning service, and over 900 crowded into the church at night to see a pageant, "Women of the Bible." Rev. H. S. Mahood is the pastor.

LOOMIS — On Palm Sunday evening the united choirs of the Auburn and Loomis churches gave the Easter cantata entitled, "The Thorn-Crowned King," to a large audience. Sunday School Easter exercises were held at the Sunday School hour. The attendance was 120, which is 40 more than the average attendance for the year. Five young persons were received on confession of faith at the Easter services, two of whom were baptized. Rev. Edmund Owens is the pastor.

PITTSBURG — During Holy Week Rev. Norman W. Pendleton of San Francisco held special services. Rev. C. C. Champlin, the pastor, says, "Pendleton's sermon on 'The Amazing Success of Christianity' is fit for a thesis for D. D., Ph. D., or what have you." Eight hundred people crowded the church on Easter Sunday. Twenty-one new members were received and 12 persons were baptized. The Sunday School is now having an attendance of more than 200.

PESCADERO — Rev. J. L. Rollins, who has been reorganizing the work here, recently met with a painful accident at El Cerrito, by being struck down by an automobile. After two weeks in the hospital at Martinez he has returned to Pescadero, where he hopes to remain permanently. During his absence the church was supplied by Rev. N. F. Sanderson and Rev. W. W. Furze.

VALLEY OF THE MOON — Easter was a great day and all three churches well filled. In the evening at Sonoma a musical program was presented. At the March communion eight persons united with the church at Sonoma, which makes a total of thirteen since the first of the year. Rev. F. E. Boren is the pastor and Mr. Wesley Gordon is director of Religious Education.

COTATI — Mr. W. S. Bloom, who serves the church, reports a growing interest in the community and the enlisting of newcomers. The Young People's Society has made a good start, 10 or 15 in regular attendance. Easter brought out the largest and most inspiring congregation during the present pastorate.

RIPON — Very large congregations attended the church on Easter Sunday, but reception of members was delayed until later in the spring. This church is a real community church, and is particularly happy in the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Spuller.

BENICIA — The Lord's Supper was following the Easter morning service. A Sunday evening adult Bible class meets with the yastor, Rev. E. W. Houlding.

SAN FRANCISCO. CALVARY — This church, which has been meeting in the property of Trinity Presbyterian Church, is now holding services in Oakwood Hall, 1805 Divisadero St. Rev. H. A. Kartozian is the pastor.

TIPTON — For some years it has been impossible to maintain regular church and Sunday School services. Since there were nearby Methodist churches which could be yoked with this field, it was decided some months ago to see if a plan could be carried out of releasing the work to the Methodists. The arrangement has now been consummated whereby the Tipton Church has deeded the property to the Methodist Conference, which in turn pays the Building Society mortgage. The church has disbanded and the San Joaquin Home Missions Council has allocated the territory to the Methodists.

CERES — The attendance at Sunday School on Easter Day was larger than on any occasion during the pastorate of Rev. H. H. Wolford. Six new members were received into the church. An Easter cantata by the Congregational and Methodist church choirs was presented on Sunday evening. A junior church service between Sunday School and the regular morning worship has been instituted. which includes all the children young and old. The finances of the church have kept up remarkably well in spite of the paralyzed condition of business.

OAKLAND. FRUITVALE — Five new members were received on Easter Sunday, and five persons were baptized. All of these newcomers are now active in the life of the church. Superintendent Harley H. Gill preached the Easter sermon. During the month of March the pastor, Mr. James E. Boyd, put a total of 165 hours of service into his field, besides his regular work at the Pacific School of Religion.

TULARE — Seven new members were received at Easter time and great congregations filled the church both morning and evening. An open forum on Sunday evenings has been drawing a splendid attendance from people outside the church. Recently speakers from the Jewish and Catholic faiths were heard from the forum platform. Rev. Robert B. Whitaker is the pastor.

BERKELEY. FIRST — An overflow service was arranged in Pilgrim Hall for Easter morning, where radio brought the service from the main auditorium. Some hundreds of people were turned away. Rev. O. W. S. McCall, the pastor, continues his book sermons through April using "Genghis Khan, Emperor of All Men," "Lean Harvest" and "The Brave New World."

MARTINEZ — On Easter Sunday 17 children were baptized and on the following Sunday 21 new members were received, one by letter and the rest on confession. Monthly fellowship dinners are a real feature of the life of this church. In March 97 people were present. Rev. Harvey V. Miller is the pastor.

STOCKTON — Twenty-seven persons were received into membership on Easter Sunday, of whom all but one were on confession of faith. Five infants were baptized. The attendance on Palm Sunday was 265, and on Easter morning 367. Rev. John R. Hahn is the pastor.

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NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

OAKLAND. PLYMOUTH — In commenting on the attendance contest with Alameda, the pastor Rev. T. T. Giffen, makes the following comment:

"The purpose of a friendly contest in church attendance is not simply to beat a rival but to check up on ourselves. Are we doing our full duty by the church to which we belong and by ourselves? A church service ought to help us to get our bearings in a complex world, to preserve our sanity amidst life's moral confusion, to develop friendship on a high level, to face the new week's work with new courage and a new faith that there is something at the heart of the universe that beckons us. All these things it will do if we let it. When Sunday comes most of us need physical and spiritual refreshment. To some this implies fresh air and mental inactivity. The need, however, is best supplied by spending at least a part of the day in fellowship with kindred spirits in deliberate purpose to relate oneself to One who is the way and the truth and the life. In this nine-weeks contest we not only desire to excel Alameda, but to make worship a greater force in the life of ourselves and the community."

The church has adopted a goal of 100 new members for the year. Fifteen were received on April 3.

BERKELEY. NORTH — On Friday evening, March 18, there was held a Young People's banquet, with 50 young people of High School and University students attending. The general theme was "The Highway of Life" and speakers of the Young People spoke on such topics as, Crossroads, Blow-outs, Detours, Sign-posts, and Dr. Harley H. Gill concluded the program with an address on "The Church as a necessary vehicle on the Highway of Life."

The Lenten services on Wednesday evenings opened with a modest beginning on February 17, but continued to grow from week to week. The Lenten Meditations were, "Come Ye Apart and Rest Awhile," "The Second Mile," "Ye Are the Light of the World," "Command the Situation," "Come Unto Me," and "Into the Woods." Rev. Elmer W. Benedict is pastor.

OAKLAND FIRST—This church has a splendid custom of a Vesper communion service at 4:30 on Easter afternoon. Children are baptized and new members received. More than thirty new members came into the fellowship. Following vespers refreshments were served and then an Easter play 'The Gift," was presented by the "Happy Hour Club."

More churches of this conference might well follow the plan that Dr. Waddell, director of Religious Education, has set up, of securing contributions to help in the expense of delegates at Asilomar. Each person who contributes $1.00 or more is put down as an Asilomar sponsor.

Rev. F. J. Horn, the Pastor, recently spent a Sunday at Bakersfield with his former associate, Rev. A. S. Donat.

REDWOOD CITY — Four hundred were present at the Sunday School and 500 at the morning service on Easter Sunday. In the evening the choir presented an hour of Gounod's music. Twenty new members have been received since the first of the year. The Sunday School orchestra has recently played over station KQW. Rev. C. H. Stevens is serving as pastor.

CAMPBELL — At the Easter ingathering there were 16 adult members. The junior membership, which the pastor, Rev. J. H. Bennett, emphasizes, received 24, 19 of whom were boys, for the most part in the High School. There are now 40 on the junior roll, which are not included in the list of church members reported to the Year Book. Each junior member makes the following pledge when uniting with the church:

"As a Junior Member I will strive to prepare myself for the fullest service of God and my Fellow Man:

"(1) By the cultivation of the inner life as illustrated by Jesus, through the habit of prayer and also reading of the Bible and other worthwhile books.

"(2) By working, as far as I am able, for the moral health of society as illustrated by Jesus, through active cooperation in all things that make for righteousness.

"(3) By believing in the Universal Church of God as the deepest channel of the power of God in the world; and by striving to be loyal to the local church in which I have my membership, by attendance as far as possible at the worship services, and by taking part in her activities."

FRESNO. PILGRIM — Holy week was observed in a special manner by this church. The cantata "Olivet to Calvary" was presented by the choir on Palm Sunday. A family reunion service was held Wednesday evening in the chapel. On Thursday evening the Lord's Supper was observed. The day's story was read from the Gospels and there was much hymn singing. Four new nembers were received: one of them a young man studying in a medical school who brought with him his parents who had previously been connected with the church but had drifted away. At the Easter morning service the large auditorium was filled to overflowing. During Lent the pastor, Rev. M. G. Papazian, used the following sermon subjects: "Was Jesus Born? If Yes, What Then?", "Did Jesus Die? If He Did, What Then?" "Did Jesus Rise from the Dead? If No; What Then? If Yes, Then What?"

CLOVERDALE — In the attendance contest between the Cloverdale and the Santa Rosa Churches, which lasted from Christmas until Easter, the average morning attendance at Cloverdale increased almost threefold, the exact percentage being 296. For January it was 239, for February 282, and for March 355. A threefold goal for the year is being striven for: a 200 per cent increase in the attendance at the morning and a 150 per cent increase in the evening service; a 20 per cent increase in membership; and in this year of depression a balance on the right side at the close of it. Three members were received on April 3rd. Rev. Harold S. Davidson is the pastor.

SANTA ROSA — The annual meeting of the church was held on April 6th. The church closed the year with a negligible deficit. Apparently the finances are about $400 better off than at this time last year. Twenty-one members were received into the church since the last annual meeting. Rev. J. J. Jones, the pastor, was the speaker at a mass meeting sponsored by the W. C. T. U. of Santa Rosa. The Santa Rosa Press carried a splendid report of the address. It was entitled "Calling the Bluff on Booze." The auditorium of the Presbyterian church was crowded.

SAN FRANCISCO. BETHANY MISSION PARK — This church has been federated with the Grace Methodist and Trinity Presbyterian churches for the past two years. A great work has been done by the United church even up to the present time. The month of March showed a total attendance at all activities and services of 24,000. However, for some months there have been serious differences of opinion concerning the policies and management of the church. Our own Congregational group has made repeated concessions, feeling that the "noble experiment" must be made an effective reality. The Trinity Presbyterian Church has now withdrawn from the federation and is returning to its former building to begin work on Sunday, April 17th. Committees of our own church and the Bay Association are already at work to plan for our future. The pastor and officials of the Methodist Church are extending every cooperation and it is the expectation of all that the United Church will continue even though the Presbyterians have withdrawn.

The resignations of Rev. Norman W. Pendleton and Rev. Newton E. Moats have not yet been accepted.

PETALUMA — On March 18 the Players 'Group presented Sheridan's comedy, "The Rivals," the first play of a secular nature to be given by the group. The 18th Century costumes and setting, added to the fine interpretations given by the actors, made it an outstanding production, which was enthusiastically received by the audience.

The deep interest shown at all services during Lent came to a climax with Holy Week and Easter. On Palm Sunday the choir sang Maunder's Cantata, "Olivet to Calvary." During Holy Week this church participated in a union Communion service on Thursday evening, and a three hour service on Good Friday. Superintendent Gill preached the seven sermons on the seven last words of Jesus. Nine persons joined the church on Easter and the special offering was almost twice as large as that for the last few years. The average morning attendance has been 40 per cent larger than the first year of the pastorate of Rev. Noel J. Breed.

BERKELEY. PARK — Holy week was spent by the pastor and some of his parishoners in beautifying the grounds and the interior of the building. A "home-made" Cantata, consisting of the Gospel story from the Bible, interspersed with hymns, was presented by 27 young people in white vestments. There was a large attendance, and 11 persons were received into the church, 5 of whom were adults and 6 children. The pastor, Rev. Tom Watt, in receiving the young people, baptized them and gave them their first communion, thus dramatizing their entrance into church membership, which proved to be impressive and beautiful.

LODI—On Easter Sunday the church and Sunday School rooms were well filled. Ten new members were received into the church on Holy Thursday evening communion. The Lord's Supper was served at tables; candle light was used. A play "For He Had Great Possessions" was presented Easter evening. The pastor, Rev. E. T. Sherman, delivered the sermon at the union sunrise service for young people. Recently a dinner was given in honor of Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Schwimley, who served this church as leaders a number of years ago.

EUREKA — The Pastor, Rev. C. H. Hudson, reports splendid Easter services, with large attendance. Eight were received into membership and 3 infants baptized. The following quotation from his bulletin shows how he is trying to meet a problem which all of our pastors are facing:

"Can it be that friends and members of this Church are remaining away because of material need? Are children absenting themselves from Sunday School because 'we have nothing but jeans to come in' as one lad expressed it? This need not be. While none of our membership are rich, we are all willing to share. It often happens that the greatest need and suffering is the least known. Let none cut themselves off from the vast spiritual resources of the Church, which are needed more now than ever before. And remember, we count it a privilege to share our material resources. The pastor may be found in the study every morning excepting Monday, and will seek to give sympathetic understanding and treat with confidence all cases of need that are brought to him."

AUBURN — Rev. W. E. Eckles, who has been pastor of the Auburn church for the past two or three years, has resigned, to take effect May 1st. The pastorate of Mr. Eckles has resulted in a great strengthening of the church. During this period the church property was sold, and the building removed to a new site and remodeled. Mr. Eckles' action was prompted by his feeling that the church is now ready for a more vigorous program than he feels able to undertake. Many protests were registered by the people, for this pastorate has been an unusually happy one.

Since Mr. Eckles' decision was irrevocable, the church turned to Mr. Richard England, who had recently been a pulpit guest in Auburn, and unanimously extended him a call. Mr. England graduates from the Pacific School of Religion this May, and has been assisting Rev. R. C. Waddell in the Young People's work in the First Congregational Church, Oakland. Mrs. England is a trained worker among children. We are happy to welcome these young recruits into our fellowship.

PORT CHICAGO — Formerly Bay Point — During Lent Sunday evening services were held in addition to the morning service, with the church well filled both times. During passion week services were held with sixty present each night. A union sunrise service filled the church to overflowing. The average attendance at the Sunday School for the last few months is 95. This is four times as many as attended early last fall. Twenty-seven new members joined the church on Easter, which brings the total membership to 60. Twenty children and adults were baptized on Palm Sunday and Easter. Mr. Raymond L. Cramer is the pastor.

ALAMEDA — DuBois' cantata "The Seven Last Words" was given by the choir on Palm Sunday evening. The Alameda Knights Templars attended the Easter morning service in a body. Seth Parker programs in the evenings, with the choir and minister in costume, have added greatly to the congregations. This church has entered into a friendly attendance contest with Plymouth, Oakland, for the months of April and May. The contest includes children as well as adults. Rev. Gail Cleland is the pastor.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. Chauncey J. Hawkins

GOOSE STEPS TO PEACE

People who are unwilling to accept all the news in the papers today at its full face value and who like to have a behind-the-scenes account of world events will be delighted with this book, written by Jonathan Mitchell and published by Little, Brown and Company.

They may not agree with all the author says; they may feel a bit embarassed at his expose of the acts of our own diplomaticos, as well as of those in other lands, and in the underhanded methods used. They will, however, enjoy his racy style. his straight-from-the-shoulder method of handing out facts and have many a chuckle over his pen pictures of famous men and events.

Earnestly desiring world peace, he sees no reason why we should tolerate the failure of one international peace conference after another, accepting, in its place, "a treaty with seals and ribbon."

A few outstanding chapter headings are: "The Russian Scarecrow," "England Wins," "Germany Revives," "The Diplomaticos," "London Fog," "Small Allies," "Direct Action," "No More War."

Mr. Mitchell has been a reporter for years and has had wide experience. In 1930 he covered the London Naval Conference for the "Outlook" and the "Independent." He has devoted himself to an intensive study of the reason of the apparent failure of the peace movement. He believes there is every reason to be hopeful when we realize that only a century ago the "chief governments of Europe were virtually military machines and government officials almost exclusively professional soldiers."

ARE YOU SHARING GOD?

Last February, at the Berkeley conference, Dr. William Adams Brown of Union Seminary, New York City, said: "We cannot share what we do not possess. We cannot possess what we do not desire. We do not desire what we do not see."

Lord, I would share,
But first possess
That inward gift, serenity;
Then, without stress,
Freed from unrest,
Comforted, blest,
Serve Thee not less,
But with tranquility.

We all need this personal touch of the Master to make our service of abiding value. For this need the Prayer Cycle for World Service has been prepared. It is unusually inspiring, not only for its spirit of meditation, but for its beauty of diction and the choice poems it contains.

Its authors are well known to us in Northern California, Dr. Robert E. Brown, former pastor of First Church, Oakland, a man of rare spirit and beloved by all who knew him, and Mrs. Brown, who endeared herself to the women when she served so ably as President of the Federation.

Mrs. Harley H. Gill, 1835 San Antonio Avenue, Berkeley, will be glad to enroll you as a member of the Prayer Guild. Write her for information. Secure your leaflet as soon as possible,—20c a year for five or more copies sent to one address, single copy 25c. Published quarterly.

FOR YOUR NOTE BOOK

So many questions have been asked about the book reviewed last month that we are repeating the title. It is "Origins of the World War," by Professor Sydney B. Fay. This is a Macmillan publication.

CONTEMPTIBLE!!

The wet Republicans, having failed to influence President Hoover in his firm stand against the liquor traffic, have now resorted to a trick too sly for libel, but worthy of the lowest of underworld politicians.

First, they threatened to stop all contributions to the Republican Campaign Fund, then they offered large sums to it if the President would but "moisten up a little bit." Failing in all these efforts they issued a fake paper called the "Herald of Good Times." In it they published a two column story about President Hoover's change of heart. They said he had demanded a national Prohibition Referendum, pointing out the cost of the dry experiment which he considered a total failure. The paper claimed that the Conservative Republicans, both in the House and Senate, cheered the message.

Many headliners followed, which claimed that the whole country was cheered by the news, the depression on the mend, and stocks soaring, as a result. The paper carried a fake date, February 30, 1932, and, in inconspicuous type, "All imaginary—more's the pity." On the following page, almost concealed by advertisements where it could scarcely be seen, is the statement, "This newspaper is fictitious."

This would be amusing if it were not so disgusting, but "he who laughs best laughs last." It does show, however, that the liquor interests must be deeply alarmed and sorely pressed to stoop SO LOW as to seek to discredit the man who stands at the head of the government of the United States of America.

MRS. GEORGE C. ADAMS

Saturday, March 12, one of our best loved women, Mrs. George C. Adams, passed into the Father's "other room." As wife of Dr. Adams, for many years pastor of the First Congregational Church, San Francisco, she cooperated with her husband eagerly and efficiently to make his work a success. Ever since his death she has carried on bravely and cheerfully. Interested in every good work, active in the home and out, and in loving service for her dear ones, with a keen sense of humor that helped her over many a hard place, her life has been a constant inspiration to all who knew her, and "to know her was to love her."

"Somewhere, back of the sunset,
Where loveliness never dies—
She dwells in a land of glory,
With dreams in her lifted eyes.

And we who have known her splendor—
A beauty that brought swift tears,
Will cherish her vision always,
To brighten the drifting years!"

Our special sympathy is extended to Mrs. E. V. Krick, long an untiring worker in the Women's Federation, also to the other daughters and the son.

WOMEN SPEAKERS AT ASSOCIATIONS

Sacramento — Oroville, April 19-20, Mrs. C. T. Tinker, Mrs. Gail Cleland.
Sonoma — Sonoma, April 28, Mrs. Tinker, Miss Helen Perkins.
Upper Bay — Martinez, April 29, Mrs. Tinker, Mrs. James T. Richards.
Central—Salida, May 3-4, Mrs. James Hazlett, Miss Perkins.
San Joaquin — Fresno, May 6, Mrs. Tinker, Mrs. Cleland, Miss Martha Stamford.

SPRING CALLS THE WOMEN

"In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," but the thoughts of the women of the Federation turn eagerly toward their spring meeting with its accompanying feast of good things. As usual, this year the meeting will be held in the country, in the beautiful Santa Clara district, with its colorful, varihued blossoms and balmy spring sunshine. This is an outing day for Federation women too, and automobile parties are already being planned. Picnic lunches are to be taken, the women of the Campbell Church, where the meeting is to be held, providing coffee, only. Remember the date, **APRIL 21, THURSDAY,** the place CAMPBELL. Let us send a large delegation from every church.

Mrs. Ferrier has planned a most appetizing mental feast for us. Dr. Gill, our Superintendent, who is always welcome, will speak to us on "Personality, Perseverance, Prayer, and Power." Mrs. George E. Savage, Thank Offering Secretary, and Miss Martha Stamford, Young People's Secretary, will outline plans of advance in their fields of work. Mrs James Hazlett will tell us of the "Life and Work of Albert Schweitzer," that accomplished musician and philosopher, who is burying his life, with God, for the black people in darkest Africa.

Mrs. W. W. Ferrier is to talk to us about "A Family Affair," of far reaching importance, while the subject of the address by Dr. George L. Cady of New York City, Executive Secretary of the American Missionary Association, will be "The Church and the New World Order."

A dramatization of Pearl Buck's latest story, "The First Wife," will be given by Mrs. Chauncey J. Hawkins and Dr. Susan T. Sargent.

Make your plans now to attend this meeting. You cannot afford to miss it.

PERSONALS

Rev. G. M. Manavian, formerly pastor at Fowler, has been ill for the past six months. Since late in November he has been at St. Helena Sanitarium, and recently has made encouraging improvement. He expects to return to Fowler in the near future, where he will make his home, but will not undertake active work in the ministry, at least for some months.

Rev. J. R. Shoemaker has been confined to Fabiola Hospital, Oakland, for the past two weeks. He will take a month more for recuperation before returning to the active leadership of the Calvary Church.

CHURCH NOTES

CALAVERAS COUNTY — Five were added to the membership of the Angel's Camp church, and 12 persons were baptized. Easter brought out large congregations at both Murphy and Angel's Camp, which are served by Rev. J. T. Munton.

PORTERVILLE — Rev. B. Dent Naylor reports capacity congregations on Easter Sunday with a cantata, "Olivet to Calvary" at the vesper service. He preached at sunrise on Scenic Heights, where the Rotary Club has erected a large cross.

FAIRFAX — Special Holy Week services were held with Rev. James W. Price, father of the pastor, as the speaker. The pastor gave an address at the union sunrise service on the hill top at San Anselmo.

OROVILLE — The Knights Templar followed their usual custom by attending Easter services at this church. Rev. William J. Johnson, the pastor, preached on "The Great Affirmation."

SAN FRANCISCO. CHINESE—Rev. B. Y. Leang, the pastor, reports four new members at Easter time, with large attendance at the services.

In Memoriam

WHEN I have gone,
IF there is some work
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AND helped along,
AND strengthened
BY remembering it
IN my will,
THAT will be
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